(b) whether Government have decided the premium rates for various types of crops;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) amount paid by Government as its share of premium to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) During Rabi 1999-2000, 8 States and one Union Territory implemented the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) in their areas. Five more States and one Union Territory have agreed to join the scheme from Kharif, 2000 season.

(b) and (c) Under NAIS, premium rates in respect of food crops and oilseeds may range from 2.5% to 3.5% during Kharif and 1.5% and 2.0% during Rabi or actuarial rates whichever is less. In respect of annual commercial / horticultural crops, premium will be charged based on actuarial rates.

(d) As per the provisions of the scheme, premium is to be borne by the farmers. However, small and marginal farmers are eligible for subsidy in premium to the extent of 50% which will be shared by the Central and State Government on 50:50 basis. Premium subsidy will be phased out over a period of 5 years.

Scheme of Improve Socio-Economic Condition of farmers

3565. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to improve the socio-economic conditions for farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether such a scheme would be devised to acquaint farmers with latest technology trade and commerce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing a number of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes to augment the production and productivity of crops and thereby improve the socio economic conditions of the farmers. A list of these schemes given in the statement. (*See* below)

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

List of Major Schemes implemented by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes
1.	Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice).
2.	Integrated Cereal Development Programme for wheat Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP Wheat).
3.	Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals).
4.	Technology Mission of Cotton (formerly Intensive Cotton Development Programme) (ICDP Cotton).
5.	Special Jute Development Programme.
6.	Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System.
7.	Oilseed Production Programme.
8.	National Pulses Development Project.
9.	Oil Palm Development Programme.
10.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme.
11.	Integrated Programme for Development of Spices.
12.	Development of Cashews including Cocoa.
13.	Use of Plastic in Agriculture.
14.	Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilisers.
15.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among small farmers.
16.	National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA)
17.	Soil Conservation in Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone Areas.
18.	Reclamation and Development of Alkali (Usuar) Soils.